



**ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

***Solemnity of the Ascension
of the Lord***
May 16, 2010

Pastor: Father Joe Vayalil
Deacon: Bob Birch
Sacristan: Richard Sutton
Secretary: Josephene Kealey

Welcome to everyone, parishioners,
newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's Parish.
We encourage the *active* participation of all
in the prayer and song of our community
worship.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the love and compassion that
Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every
creed, with a special emphasis on the needs
of the poor and the underprivileged.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of every month: Mass at 10:30 a.m. only

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

THURSDAYS from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION:

FIRST FRIDAYS from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

No appointment necessary.

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish
monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more information kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required after the
Pastor's approval.

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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Michael Murray

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Mike and Lisa Birch

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 15

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Albert Bonia +
(by Alex & Emma Tobin & Family)

Sunday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Mass

- Ann Carney +
(by Deacon and Bev Birch)

11:30 a.m. Mass

- Blessings and Prayers for children
receiving the Sacrament of
First Holy Communion (by the Parish)

Monday, May 17

No Mass

Tuesday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 20

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Mass

Dear parishioners,

Fr. Joe and the Stewardship Committee wish to inform you of their intention to create a devotional space in the church for quiet prayer and contemplation. To this end, we are on the lookout for an object of reverence, such as a statue, a painting, or a tapestry. The object should measure approximately one metre in height. If you know of such an object for sale somewhere, or have such an object that you would consider donating, please bring it to the attention of Fr. Joe.

Your thought, consideration, donations and prayers are lovingly appreciated.

God Bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TUESDAY, MAY 25 is the Tuesday after the long holiday weekend. Please note that there will be no 9:30 a.m. Morning Mass celebrated on that day.

2. PENNIES FOR LIFE: Please return the Pennies for Life containers to the Church no later than the weekend of May 29 and 30. Sincere thanks for your dedication to this project. Many Catholic parishes in Ottawa participate in the project, the main fundraiser for Campaign Life Coalition. Last year, we raised over \$149.63 in the parish.

3. ST. PETER'S SPRING BAKE SALE AND CRAFT is planned for the weekend of June 12 and 13, 2010 at all Masses. Donations of Baked Goods and Crafts will be greatly appreciated.

4. SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: Please note the parish's summer schedule for Sunday Obligation for the months of July and August: Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. only.

5. POPE BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: *General Prayer:* "That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings, which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended". *Mission Intention:* "That ordained ministers, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to infuse missionary enthusiasm into the communities entrusted to their care".

6. HOW TO REQUEST ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS: For those who are not familiar with how to request a mass intention, the process is quite simple. You may call our parish office (613-733-1553) or email your request (stpeters@inbox.com) or drop a note indicating the date you would like for the mass intention, which mass time -- if it is a Sunday -- and whom the intention is for (name). If you wish, we have Mass cards that can be given to family members. The offering for a Mass is \$15.00. You may pay this at the time of request or by taking a white Mass intention envelope at the main entrance of the church. Fill out all the information that is needed with payment and kindly drop in the Mass Intention Slot in the sacristy.

Collections
May 9
\$1762.50

Please pray for the following:

Bishop Ernest Leger, Rachelle Carroll, Lise Martin, Tim Dooling,
Anna Karolewicz, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard.

Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:

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Open Houses at Maryvale Academy on May 27 and June 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Maryvale Academy is an affordable independent elementary Catholic school committed to making disciples for Christ. The school offers an integral Catholic education which centers on academic excellence and spiritual growth. We are now accepting applicants for September 2011. Please visit www.maryvaleacademy.ca and come to one of our Open Houses to learn more about some beautiful things at Maryvale Academy including our classically-based curriculum, our bilingual program, and our Blessed Sacrament chapel.

Holy hours for vocations: The National Vocations Directors Conference is meeting in Ottawa June 1st-4th and hosting a Holy Hour led by Fr. Tom Rosica, Director of Salt and Light TV. He will be speaking on discernment and the promotion of vocations, at St Patrick's Basilica on Tuesday, June 1st, at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception. All are encouraged to come and pray for vocations!

Youth Summit Eucharistic Procession, Saturday, May 22: As part of the Youth Summit, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph's Cathedral in Gatineau (starting at 5:15 p.m.) heading across the Alexandra Bridge, then to Parliament Hill for a prayer service and then to Notre Dame Cathedral for Adoration and a talk by Caroline Gambale Dirkes. This is an open event to all!

Concert Sunday, May 23: The Youth Summit will be having a Christian Music Concert, which is open to everyone (not just the participants in the Youth Summit). The Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Centre and will feature Matt Maher, Chakidor and the Gatineau Gospel Choir. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from: Archdiocese of Ottawa, Diocesan Center, 1247 Kilborn Place (Reception); 101 Parent Street; Liturgica Inc., 1260 Old Innes Road, Unit 602; Salem Storehouse Inc., 1558 Merivale Road and 839 Shefford Road; St. Paul's University Bookstore, 249 Main Street; Archdiocese of Gatineau, Diocesan Center, 180 boulevard Mont-Bleu.

Shepherds of Good Hope Foundation 6th Annual Hunger Banquet: Guest Speakers Archbishop Terrence Prendergast & Rabbi Reuven Bulka. Hellenic Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive; Tues., May 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$60/person or table of 10 for \$500. Info & tickets: (613-789-8210); Judy Stilwell, ext. 223 (judy@shepherdsforgoodhope.com); Rob Eady, ext. 229 (rob@shepherdsforgoodhope.com). Free parking.

World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain: Are you interested in going? Will you be between 16 and 30 in August 2011? The Archdiocese of Ottawa is organizing a pilgrimage, departing August 10 and returning August 24. Pilgrimage includes optional retreat at the end in Avila. Info: Ted (613-738-5025 ext. 231).

EASTER REFLECTION

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – World Communications Day

First Reading, Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles

Psalm 47 Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne

Second Reading, Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand

Gospel, Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not really about a departure. It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence. Thus this day in the fifty-day sweep of Easter is a peculiarly opportune time for relishing our hope and status. We can discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power. We should approach this day with open hearts. We do not gather at Eucharist to have the Ascension explained or to memorize exegetical points. We come to be inspired, to offer praise and proclaim the risen one who never leaves us. Despite the fact that Christ is no longer visible to us, we are filled with joy at his abiding presence. How do the Scriptures of the Old Testament prepare us for Christ? What is the deep meaning of the ascension of the Lord? Pray for the church scattered to 'the ends of the earth'. Pray that we may joyfully receive 'power from on high' as we approach Pentecost.

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In your kindness,
please remember St. Peter's Parish
in your bequests and wills. If anyone
wishes to make such a bequest in their
Will, the following clause may be included
or added to a will or added by codicil:

*"I give devise and bequeath the sum
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of
the Parish and its pastoral works."*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church today,
know that we are honored by your presence.

Our parish serves the needs of the community in many
different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments,
children's liturgy, social activities, assistance to those in
difficulty, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a
loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call
on us.